## TRUMBULL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES APRIL 2, 2009 NICHOLS ROOM AT TOWN HALL

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 by Mary Ellen Lemay. In attendance were Joanne and Dale Parsons, and Julie Jenkins. Dimitri Paris was there to talk about the Trumbull Parks.

Minutes from February meeting were approved as written.

Dimitri spoke about the Great Oak Park trails. There is a possibility of incorporating raised boardwalks through the wetlands area; this would allow for educational opportunities within the wetland terrain. Dimitri will help the Friends of Great Oak Park with surveying the land and plotting the trails. We also discussed the park situation in Trumbull. According to Dimitri there are numerous acres of untouched parkland within the boundary of Trumbull. Mary Ellen mentioned that an open space inventory was part of the mission of the Conservation Commission. The proposed GIS system would help in this inventory.

The commission discussed drafting a landscape preservation ordinance, which would encompass plots of land and not specific trees or plants. Dimitri brought up the need for prudent removal and pruning of trees because if not, these trees can become safety risks. Fairfield has a tree planting program which seems to be very successful.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted by,

Julie Jenkins